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Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT:

Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Screening

of Movie "Fly Me to the Moon" in Washington, D.C. on September 16, 2008

On September 16, 2008, the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) will host a no-fee screening of the film, "Fly Me to the Moon"," at the Gallery Place Movie Theater in Washington, D.C. The free screening valued at less than \$10 per ticket is sponsored by Summit Media and hosted by CEE. Over 100 people have been invited including Congressional staffers, other federal agencies, DC Public School officials, teachers, and students. The 3-D movie features animated characters that are blast into space. This event is structured as an educational outreach presentation by CEE to the DC Public Schools highlighting opportunities in science technology. The screening will provide an opportunity to promote knowledge and understanding of the space program with other attendees and to educate all attendees including students and teachers about the opportunities in science and technology careers that exist at NASA.

I find that the movie screening event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the screening will allow NASA representatives to exchange views on science and technologies that may be needed for future space missions with a wide-range of people from academia, Congress, other Federal agencies, and students and teachers.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from a NASA Headquarters ethics counselor.

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